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\$6.7M set for 61 affordable housing units

ANNOUNCEMENT The City of Ottawa, along with the federal and provincial governments, will announce on Friday \$6.7 million in funding for two construction-ready projects that will add 61 affordable housing units, a spokeswoman for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation said Thursday.

The funding is a part of a \$1.2-billion joint investment under the amended Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Agreement, said Nicole Burgers.

The \$6.7 million will fund two buildings — one through the Shepherds of Good Hope and the other through the City of Ottawa — and will provide 61 units of affordable housing for low-income seniors, families and persons with disabilities.

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University of Ottawa student Ekaterina Shestakova is one of 23 Ottawa-area student entrepreneurs who will receive strategic business assistance through the provincial government's Summer Company Program to help her start a business. Shestakova is running her own summer theatre day camp for children. **Story, pg 2**

Cops progress in blaze investigation

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Aylmer church

- Anyone who is missing a gasoline can or has information concerning the fire can call Det.-Sgt. Robert Charbonneau at 819-243-2345, extension 6007.

Gatineau police said Thursday they have identified an important witness after a fire destroyed a historic Aylmer church last month.

Police had issued a composite sketch in hopes the public would be able to help identify the man, who was seen in the St. Paul Church parking lot half an hour before the blaze started in the

early hours of June 11.

Police later said they found evidence of a break and enter and a gas can near the church.

After an investigation,

Gatineau police said Thursday that they have identified the age and brand of the gasoline can found at the scene.

Police believe the red, 10-litre gasoline can was purchased in the last few months from a Canadian Tire store. Investigators are now asking area residents who bought a gasoline can from a Canadian Tire store since last spring to make sure that they are still in possession of it.

Big cheque: Prop or Tory promo?

Harper government blurring public, partisan lines: Critics

There's an old saying about politicians using your own money to buy your vote.

In Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government this summer, that adage comes with a visual aid: Huge blue cheques emblazoned with the maple leaf logo of the Canadian government, the signature of a benevolent MP and, in some cases, Conservative sloganeering.

Some critics and even constituents say the government is blurring the line between its public and partisan jobs with the big cheques, just a few years after the sponsorship scandal in Quebec, when federal Liberals were also accused of using government money to further their partisan aims against the Bloc Québécois.

Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan (York-Simcoe) showed up a couple of weeks ago at a summer festival in his riding, bearing two of the cheques to symbolize a \$1.26-million infusion of cash to the small town of Innisfil.

They were done with the minister's signature, to appear as though

Van Loan himself was signing over Canadian taxpayers' money, and bore the slogan: "Delivering Change for the Better."

Other Conservative MPs have been photographed with the same kind of props.

Syd Lucas, one of Van Loan's constituents, was not pleased with the message conveyed by the cheques.

"Let's be clear that these monies are part of Government of Canada programs

Official face

- The federal Treasury Board guards how the official "face" and "voice" of the government are presented.
- The Treasury Board looked at the cheques this week, and spokesman Robert Makichuk said there is nothing in the formal identity policy "that would prohibit the use of a prop cheque" containing the Canada logo or Conservative slogans.
- The political props were reportedly the brainchild of Transport Minister John Baird when he served as Treasury Board minister in the first year of the Harper government.

funded by our tax dollars. This is not money from the Conservative party," Lucas wrote to the Toronto Star. "Government programs should never be used to advertise for the party in power."

Dimitri Soudas, a spokesman for the Prime Minister, didn't comment on the appropriateness of the cheques.

Gerard Kennedy, the Liberals' infrastructure critic, says he's not surprised the Conservatives are politicizing funding announcements.

He cites the Liberals' findings earlier this year, showing that 78 per cent of Building Canada funds were going to Conservative ridings. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

"Government programs should never be used to advertise for the party in power."

Constituent Syd Lucas

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Help sought in suspicious incident

Ottawa police are asking for assistance in relation to a suspicious incident in the city's south end on June 28. A 26-year-old woman was walking her dog along a path connecting Wisteria and Dean Martin crescents when she lost consciousness. When she woke up, her necklace and ring were missing and she had suffered minor injuries to her head, face and wrist. She could not identify a suspect.

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Police issue warning after thefts

CRIME Ottawa police are warning people to remain vigilant after a slew of personal robberies in the west end Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Police said a man approached a victim on the Centrepointhe bike path at 12:45 a.m. Thursday and pointed a handgun in the victim's face. Police are seeking a 15- to 18-year-old black male with a large build.

Police are also looking at a robbery at Craig Henry Park after four males approached two youths. Police said that a male was pushed to the ground and kicked repeatedly. They are seeking a Latino male, a black male and a white male, all aged 15 to 16.

The third incident occurred in the area of Woodridge Crescent and Bayshore Avenue, when police said a victim had a knife pointed at him. Police are seeking a 17-year-old black male.

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Young entrepreneurs get leg up

Program offers funding, advice for students looking to start a business

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Like many other university students, Ekaterina Shestakova is working at a day camp during the summer.

But unlike most students, she's the boss.

As artistic director at the Once Upon a Kingdom Theatre Studio, Shestakova is used to calling the shots, but this summer, the 21-year-old University of Ottawa student is taking on a new role — businesswoman.

"(For) any student who is at all entrepreneurially inclined, this is a really low-risk way to try it out."

Stephen Daze, OCRI

With help from the provincial government's Summer Company program and the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation's Entrepreneurship Centre, the fourth-year theatre student will be running the Once Upon a Kingdom Theatre Summer Day Camp for children.

Shestakova is among 23

Ottawa-area student entrepreneurs who will receive \$1,500 and strategic business assistance to start a business. Students are also given another \$1,500 when they complete the program.

While she said the grant certainly helped to set up the three two-week camps, Shestakova said having ac-

cess to experienced business people through OCRI has been invaluable.

"It's very hard to start a business from nothing," she said. "This has been so helpful, instead of finding all the information yourself. You just come to the centre and they give it to you."

A lot of the learning also comes from the other students in the program who may be wrestling with common obstacles in a different order.

"(For) any student who is at all entrepreneurially in-

clined, this is a really low-risk way to try it out," said Stephen Daze, OCRI's executive director of entrepreneurship and innovation. Each year, many of the businesses starting in the Summer Company program will continue beyond this summer and blossom into careers, said Daze.

Some of the other business ventures include a personal assistance and temporary staffing solutions company, a business that serves court papers and a home-based tennis racquet stringing business.

Last chance to catch International Jazz Festival

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MUSIC With one of the best lineups yet, the Ottawa International Jazz Festival is entering its final weekend, but there's still time to check out some of the acts.

"The festival has been going great," said festival spokeswoman Suzan Zilahi. "We had a record-breaking attendance on Canada Day — we had more than 80,000 people throughout the day — and two stages that were continually attended," Zilahi said Thursday.

So far, SMV (Stanley Clarke, Marcus Miller and Victor Wooten), Trombone Shorty and Al Green have been very popular, she said. "They were absolutely awesome. People are still talking about it."

This weekend, "we still have some great acts," Zilahi added.



Jazz Youth Summit 2009 members Olivier Clement, centre, on trumpet, Mark Godfrey, left, on bass, and Nevin Dunn, right, on soprano sax, perform at the Noon on the Bridge event Thursday.

On Friday, Claudia Acuna and Chuchio Valdes will comprise the "Latin extravaganza" and "will have people dancing the night away," Zilahi said. "It's going to be an amazing night for Latin music."

Al Di Meola is the big name for Saturday night,

Zilahi said. "He's a legendary, prolific guitarist," she said.

On Sunday, Brian Blade and the Fellowship Band and the Charles Lloyd New Quartet are just some of the acts wrapping up the festival.

Between the shows at

Confederation Park and the National Arts Centre and the late-night jam sessions at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, "this year's lineup is considered to be incredibly rich and having a depth to it," said Zilahi.

"We definitely do have something for everyone."

Carleton president reflects on 1st year

EDUCATION On her first day as president of Carleton University, Dr. Roseann Runte ran into Mayor Larry O'Brien at the 2008 Canada Day fireworks show and he joked that they would throw a party like that every year in her honour.

"I've had a really warm welcome and I've really enjoyed it," Runte said.

Carleton has seen a number of highlights in the year since Runte took her post, including a funding commitment of \$52.5 million from the federal and provincial governments for two new buildings for the Waterfront Project.

And while she's not taking credit for it, the major contribution from Richard and Pamela Joho to the College of the Humanities was a nice thing to celebrate, said Runte.

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uOttawa offers free tuition with Project Hero

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The University of Ottawa has announced that it is offering free tuition for children of Canadian military parents killed in action.

Starting Sept. 1, uOttawa is waiving all undergraduate tuition fees for dependants of Canadian Forces personnel killed while serving in an active military mission as part of

Project Hero.

The new policy is being adopted in recognition of the bravery and personal sacrifice exemplified by Canadian military personnel while serving their country.

"Canadians owe a huge debt of gratitude to the men and women who put their lives at risk for our country," said uOttawa president Allan Rock.

"As Canada's university, we think the best way of honouring those who

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have made the ultimate sacrifice is to ensure their children have free access to education on our campus."

Students must be under age 26; citizens or permanent residents of Canada; dependants of a member of the Canadian Forces who died while serving in an active mission; and registered as a full-time

undergraduate student at uOttawa in a program of study eligible for funding by the province.

"I am very proud that my alma mater has stepped up to support Project Hero. It is my goal to get broad-based, national support from all Canadian universities," said Hon. Lt.-Col. Kevin Reed.

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A Company of Fools' production of Much Ado About Nothing begins Friday and continues to August 10 in various Ottawa parks.

Much ado this summer

MJ DESCHAMPS
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In simpler times, a big night out meant people gathering under the stars for a theatre performance, where they could be whisked off to another world for an evening.

This summer, there's a way you can travel back to Elizabethan times and experience Shakespeare the way it all began.

Ottawa independent theatre ensemble A Company of Fools is touring city parks this month and next to put on nightly shows of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing.

The play follows two pairs of lovers — Claudio and Hero, who are in love, and Benedick and Beatrice, who

are at each other's throats — and has a storyline of twists, turns and villainous plots.

"For a lot of people, Much Ado About Nothing is their favourite Shakespearian play," said director Richard Gélinas. "It's really a lot of fun, and has one of Shakespeare's most famous couples in it."

The opening night of the all-ages show is this Friday at Strathcona Park in Sandy Hill, with subsequent shows running at parks all over Ottawa until August 10.

Fools' artistic director Scott Florence said the company has been struggling a bit financially since the economy turned, but he sees being forced to make do as actually an opportunity for something more artistic and creative to emerge.

"Art thrives in uncertain times," he said.

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News in brief

ARRESTS Ottawa police reported 22 arrests in relation to Canada Day festivities — down from 2008. Police said Thursday they made six criminal arrests, include one for a warrant, three in relation to

drugs and two for breach of conditions. They also made 16 non-criminal arrests.

"The numbers are lower this year," said Const. J.P. Vincelette.

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Less dough for vacations: Poll

Close to half of Canadians are planning to spend less on their summer vacations than they typically do, suggests an EKOS poll, CBC News Online reported Thursday. The poll found that 48 per cent of respondents plan to spend less on summer vacations than they have in recent years. About 20 per cent of respondents indicated they would spend more, while 32 per cent said they would spend about the same amount. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Economy may take years to recover

Recession will still be felt in 2014: Economist

More Canadians will be out of work in 2014 than prior to the recession, even if the economy recovers quickly and expands at a healthy clip for the next five years, a prominent economist forecast on Thursday.

Canada's economy appears set to stop shrinking in the third quarter of 2009 and begin to grow by year-end. But consumers and businesses should not count on recouping the losses from three quarters of recession for years to come, according to a study by Dale Orr, an independent economist and formerly one of Canada's leading

No more stimulus bucks planned

• Canada has no immediate plans to increase the size of its two-year stimulus plan, which is designed to pump an extra

\$46 billion into the economy, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

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forecasters at Global Insight.

"Moving from negative to positive economic growth is a pretty obvious measure of recovery. But there's quite a few other perspectives that we should be looking at the same time and none of them are quite as optimistic," said Orr.

The report is offered as a reality check for markets

and pundits cheering over small signs that recovery is on the way.

Unemployment, one of the most important measures of economic performance, will peak at 10 per cent but won't fall to 2007 levels of six per cent, even after average annual economic growth of 3.4 per cent in the 2011-14 period, Orr said.

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New Brunswick Remembering LeBlanc



People pay their respects while standing next to the casket containing the remains of Canada's former governor general Romeo LeBlanc as he lies in state at the chapel on the Memramcook Institute in Memramcook, N.B., on Thursday. A state funeral service will be held on Friday.

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CSIS errors put case in jeopardy: Judge

TERRORISM A Federal Court judge said revelations that Canada's spy service mishandled evidence in the terrorism case of a Syrian refugee is of "great concern to the court" and could affect the outcome of the case.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service admitted it failed to disclose evidence that a confidential informant was "deceptive" when answering questions. A second source cited in the government's case against Hassan Almrei was not subjected to a lie-detector test, contrary to what the agency had claimed in court documents.

Case background

• Hassan Almrei was detained in October 2001 on a national security certificate and held until earlier this year, when he was released on strict conditions. The government accused him of belonging to a forgery ring that provided

documents to terrorists and supported the ideology espoused by al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. He admitted to helping a Syrian friend procure a fake document and misleading Canadian authorities.

ments.

The disclosures were outlined in two letters written by Federal Court Justice Richard Mosley. They come just weeks after an Ottawa judge criticized CSIS for omitted evidence in a separate terrorism case, prompt-

ing an internal CSIS investigation.

Lorne Waldman, Almrei's lawyer, began closing submissions on Thursday arguing the mistakes are an abuse of process and that the case must be thrown out. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Fifth EnCana blast set deliberately

INVESTIGATION Someone deliberately set the explosion that damaged another EnCana gas pipeline in northeastern B.C. early Wednesday morning, RCMP investigators say, CBC News Online is reporting.

According to the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, the blast was the fifth in a series of criminally motivated acts at EnCana sites since October.

As of noon Thursday, EnCana was still working to contain the leak at the well-head site near Pouce Coupe. Once the leak is contained, a full forensic examination will be started by the same special RCMP unit that investigated the four previous bombings, Cpl. Dan Moskaluk said.

The explosion was discovered by EnCana employees after they detected a sudden drop in pressure in a sweet gas pipeline on Wednesday and traced the source of the leak to remote wellhead about eight kilometres south of Dawson Creek.

EnCana spokeswoman Rhona DelFrari said fortunately, no residents were in the vicinity and no one was at risk. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Shouting, swearing and name-calling at a high-profile Senate committee have made it a dysfunctional, public spectacle on Parliament Hill, senators have told CBC News. Videos of bickering and sniping at the committee on national security and defence were posted on YouTube. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada Day 'shock'

Canadian Forces' Vancouver display glorified war, woman says

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

Vancouver's Canada Day celebration felt more like the Fourth of July than a tribute to a nation that prides itself on peacekeeping, says a Vancouver woman.

Tanya Fink, 31, said she was "shocked" to see an entire block outside the Convention Centre taken up by a Canadian Forces tent — where soldiers allegedly showed children how to handle weapons.

A military spokesperson said the soldiers were simply keeping Canadians informed about their activities.

To Fink, it was a "brazen state-sponsored recruitment campaign" and "glorification of violence and war."

She said some visitors were lined up to try a firearm simulator while soldiers applied fake mili-



Members of the Canadian military show weapons at the Canada Day festival outside the Vancouver Convention Centre on Canada Day.

tary-themed tattoos to children's arms and faces.

"Since when is touting our country's military and supporting its occupations of other nations the mainstay of Canada Day celebra-

tions?" Fink asked.

Fink said people had to exit under an archway made up of two giant converging guns.

"The last time I checked, our anthem sings, 'Our

home and native land,' not 'Bombs bursting in air.'"

Lt.-Cmdr. Nathalie Garcia said the display was part of the military's effort to keep the public educated about its role.

Liberals regain edge in new poll

POLITICS The federal Liberals have regained their slender lead in public support, according to a new poll.

A weekly Ekos survey for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., released Thursday, put the Liberals at 32.2 per cent, down from 32.6 per cent last week.

The Conservatives dropped to 31 per cent from 34.8 per cent while the New Democratic Party was at 16.2 per cent, up from 14.3 per cent.

Ekos said the Tories have lost the short-term advan-

tage they gained the previous week after the Liberals effectively backed down from a threat to bring down the government over the way it's tackling the economic crisis.

"The most striking pattern may be one of gridlock, in which neither major party can break through to become an obvious election favourite," the firm said.

A party needs 36 to 37 per cent of the vote to stand a chance of forming a minority government.

REUTERS

Harper to meet Pope

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to meet with Pope Benedict XVI during his travels to Italy next week for the G-8 summit.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office would not confirm the meeting.

But the Toronto Star has learned a special audience

is in the works.

Harper is not Catholic, but an active member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, an evangelical Protestant denomination.

In Ottawa, he attends the East Gate Alliance Church.

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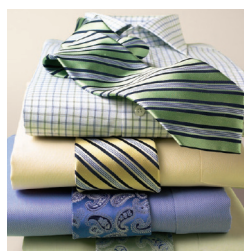
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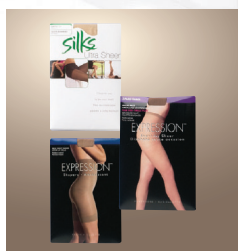
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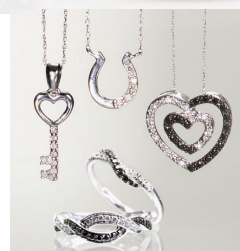
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World

Rome restaurant in hot soup

Italian authorities have shut down a historic Rome restaurant days after it charged a Japanese couple nearly 700 euros (\$988 US) for a seafood lunch to become an unwitting symbol of tourist rip-offs in the capital. The tourists filed a fraud complaint with police after being surprised with the bill for downing pasta and lobster with wine and gelato at the 149-year-old Il Passetto restaurant just off the popular Piazza Navona square.

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Amnesty report rips Israel, Hamas

MIDDLE EAST Amnesty International said on Thursday Israel inflicted "wanton destruction" in the Gaza Strip in attacks that often targeted Palestinian civilians during an offensive in December and January in the Hamas-run enclave. The London-based rights group, in a 117-page report on the 22 days of fighting, also criticized the Islamist movement Hamas for rocket attacks on Israel, which it called "war crimes." Among other conclusions, Amnesty said it found no evidence to support Israeli claims that Gaza guerrillas deliberately used civilians as human shields, but it did, however, cite evidence that Israeli troops put children and other civilians in harm's way by forcing them to remain in homes taken over by soldiers.

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U.S. launches offensive

Marines storm Afghanistan's Helmand River valley

Thousands of U.S. Marines stormed deep into Taliban territory in an Afghan valley Thursday, marking the start of a major new effort by the Obama administration to regain the initiative in the war.

The Marines met little resistance on day one of Operation Khanjar, or Strike of the Sword, to seize almost all the lower Helmand River valley, heartland of the Taliban insurgency and the world's biggest opium poppy producing region.

One U.S. Marine was killed and several others were wounded during the day, the Marines said in a statement, adding that they had not received any confirmed reports of civilian casualties or damage

Americans hoping for tipping point

• The operation marks the first big test of Washington's new regional strategy to defeat the Taliban and its allies and stabilize Afghanistan. The 10,000

to property.

The Taliban vowed that thousands of militants would fight back against the offensive by U.S. forces backed by Afghan and British troops.

The Marines said they anticipated violence would rise in the days ahead.

"I expect we are going to see enemy pretty soon," said Capt. Junwei Sun, commander of a unit which moved into the village of Sorkhdoz.

In swiftly seizing and

U.S. Marines in Helmand Province, 8,500 of whom arrived in the past two months, form the biggest wave of an escalation ordered by Obama.

holding onto so much of the Helmand valley, U.S. commanders hope to accomplish what overstretched NATO troops have failed to achieve over several years, and help secure Afghanistan for an Aug. 20 presidential election.

But launching such a bold operation carries great risk.

A protracted, bloody fight could erode support for the war in the United States, among its NATO allies and Afghans.

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India Gay rights landmark



Bollywood actress Celina Jaitley, middle, poses with a transgender, right, and gay rights activist during a news conference in Mumbai. An Indian court Thursday ruled gay sex was not a crime, a verdict that will bolster demands by gay and health groups that the government scrap a British colonial law which bans homosexual sex.

News in brief

CRASH The Air France plane that crashed into the Atlantic last month hit the water intact and at high speed but was missing for six hours before an emergency was declared, French investigators said on

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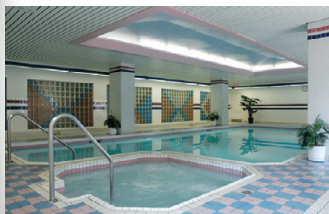
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Air New Zealand has hit on a novel way to make sure even the most jaded flyers keep their eyes glued on its flight safety briefing. The national carrier's safety video for domestic services on its Boeing 737 planes show pilot and cabin crew dressed only in body paint. **REUTERS**

Israelis, Palestinians work together to back Dead Sea

DEAD SEA Israel and the Palestinian Authority compromised in the name of nature this week, teaming up at the last moment to back the Dead Sea in a contest to chose the world's top seven natural wonders.

Just days before the contest rules would have forced the Dead Sea's elimination, Israel's ministry of tourism took over as official sponsor

from the Megilot Dead Sea Council, removing a big political obstacle blocking Palestinian participation.

The Palestinians had refused to form a sponsorship committee because Israel's Megilot municipality covers occupied West Bank land, including Jewish settlements near the Dead Sea which it considers illegal.

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Call for United Nations to probe abuses in Iran

IranCrisis

Iranian Nobel Peace Prize recipient Shirin Ebadi called on UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon Thursday to appoint a personal envoy to investigate human rights abuses in Iran.

In a letter also signed by the International Federation for Human Rights and the Iranian League for the Defence of Human Rights, Ebadi asked Ban to appoint the envoy to look into abuses following June's disputed presidential election.

A spokesman for Ban said

Violence

- In the aftermath of Iran's June 12 vote, which drew the most vigorous organized protests since the 1979 Islamic revolution, state media said 20 people died in violence.

the letter had been received by his office. Ban currently is on a trip to Myanmar in a bid to get the military junta there to release all political prisoners and prepare for credible elections next year.

The letter said Ebadi, a human rights lawyer, had made the request to Ban directly in a telephone conversation on June 23.

Ebadi was given the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her efforts to promote democracy and human rights, in particular the rights of women and children.

Action by Iranian security forces against demonstrators who charged that the election had been rigged in favour of incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad drew condemnation from Western countries and from Ban. Iranian authorities said the vote was fair.

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Look back on how events have unfolded with our ongoing Unrest in Iran Section at metronews.ca

News in brief

FINANCIAL CRISIS As California marked its second day of a new fiscal year without a budget agreement, the state government moved ahead Thursday to issue billions of dollars in "IOUs" in order to avoid a cash crisis. California faces a financial stranglehold

after lawmakers failed to balance the budget by the start of the state's new fiscal year on Wednesday, leaving a \$26.3-billion deficit.

MYANMAR UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has a rare meeting with Myanmar's top general on Friday where he

will urge the secretive leader to free all political prisoners and ensure next year's elections are credible. Ban told reporters in Singapore he would ask Senior General Than Shwe to allow him to see opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

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Marshals seize Madoff apartment

FRAUD U.S. marshals seized the luxury \$7-million US New York City penthouse apartment of imprisoned fraudster Bernard Madoff and his wife, Ruth, officials said Thursday.

A spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service said Ruth Madoff was present when agents took possession of the four-bedroom apartment on Manhattan's East Side under court orders and then she left. It was not known where she would live and her lawyer could not be reached for comment.

Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff, 71, was sentenced on Monday to an effective life term for Wall Street's biggest investment fraud of as much as \$65 billion. He was arrested by the FBI last December and he pleaded guilty in March.

U.S. Marshals Service spokesman Roland Ubaldo told reporters and photographers outside the building that marshals spent about three hours securing the premises.

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Japan has first case of H1N1 resistant to Tamiflu

Japan confirmed the case of a genetic mutation of the new H1N1 flu virus that shows resistance to Tamiflu, the main antiviral drug. **REUTERS**

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'War on terror' used to target minorities: Report

Countries on the front line in the "war on terror" are using the battle against extremists as a smokescreen to crack down on minority groups, an international human rights group said on Thursday.

For the fourth straight year, Somalia, Iraq, Sudan and Afghanistan topped an annual index compiled by Minority Rights Group International (MRG) of countries where minorities are most at risk of genocide, mass killings or violent repression.

"You see governments who have faced a genuine threat, but the point is the actions they have taken against the wider civilian population, including minority civilians, has been justified as part of the 'war

on terror,'" MRG director Mark Lattimer told Reuters.

"It has included disap-

"It has included disappearances, torture and extrajudicial executions."

MRG director Mark Lattimer

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A two-year insurgency in Somalia led by al Shabaab militants, who have links to al-Qaida and include foreign Islamists among their ranks, has killed some 18,000 civilians.

Despite a decline in violence in Iraq, the report

said civilian deaths from violence were still estimated at 300-800 a month over the past year.

The rest of the top 10 list was comprised of Myanmar in fifth place, followed by Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Israel/Palestinian territories.

Pakistan rose on the list due to an escalating conflict against different Islamist groups, combined with growing violence in national politics and suppression of dissidents.

Ethiopia, Eritrea and Yemen were assessed as under greater danger than a year ago with their governments' involvement in regional conflicts compounding the risk of repression at home.

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Pet python kills toddler

TRAGEDY A Florida toddler was strangled on Wednesday by a 12-foot albino Burmese python that escaped from a holding tank in the girl's home, authorities said.

The pet's owner, a boyfriend of the child's mother, found the python on top of the two-year-old girl in the rural community of Oxford, about 50 miles northwest of Orlando.

The python apparently broke free in the night, entered the girl's bedroom and attacked her.

"This is very rare," Patricia Behnke of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission told reporters.

The owner stabbed the snake when he found it on

the child but she was dead when emergency crews arrived, the Orlando Sentinel newspaper said. It said he was being questioned and could face child endangerment charges.

Wildlife officials are increasingly concerned about the proliferation of non-native pythons in Florida's wilderness areas.

State officials say there may be as many as 150,000 Burmese pythons, which are native to Southeast Asia, living in the wild in the Everglades, where they have no natural predator.

Wildlife experts say the population grew from snakes dumped in the fragile wetlands by pet owners who no longer wanted them.

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News in brief

IRELAND The cost of three long-running anti-corruption tribunals in Ireland could amount to nearly \$522 million with some senior barristers being paid 2,500 euros a day, government officials said on Thursday. Tribunals, headed by a senior judge, have been widely used to probe corruption allegations against politicians in Ireland.

U.S. POLITICS Democrat Al Franken, a satirist turned politician, was declared the winner of a Senate seat in Minnesota Tuesday, clearing the way for President Barack Obama's party to secure a critical 60-seat majority in the U.S. Senate. Ending one of the longest Senate races ever, the Minnesota Supreme Court unanimously rejected each of Republican Norm Coleman's five legal arguments.

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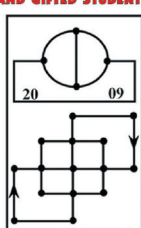
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News in brief

MILITANTS Islamic militants may be planning attacks aimed at influencing public opinion against Germany's Afghanistan mission ahead of a national election, a senior official said on Thursday. Authorities have detected an increase in threatening video messages ahead of the September elections, the

Deputy Interior Minister told a news conference.

SOMALIA Heavy fighting in the Somali capital killed at least 20 people on Thursday, the second day of fierce clashes as government forces tried to drive hardline Islamists out of their Mogadishu bases.

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Vatican criticizes itself

The Catholic Church should not fear scientific progress and possibly repeat the mistake it made when it condemned astronomer Galileo in the 17th century, a Vatican official said Thursday.

Galileo, who lived from

1564 to 1642, was condemned by the Inquisition in 1633 for asserting that the Earth revolved around the sun. Known as the father of astronomy, he wasn't fully rehabilitated by the Vatican until 1992, nearly 360 years later.

At a news conference presenting a new volume of documents on the Galileo case, Monsignor Sergio Pagano, head of the Vatican's secret archives, said today's Church and Vatican officials can learn from past mistakes and

shed their diffidence towards science.

"Can this teach us something today? I certainly think so," he said, in a rare display of self-criticism for the Vatican.

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Bangkok Underwater performance



A diver in a panda outfit performs in an aquarium in Chiang Mai on Thursday, during an event to promote the offspring of female panda Lin Hui which resides in Chiang Mai Zoo, north of Bangkok. Lin Hui, a female panda on loan from China, gave birth to the baby panda in Thailand on May 27 after being artificially inseminated with her partner's sperm for a second time.

Britain predicts more cases of flu

H1N1 Britain is projecting more than 100,000 new cases a day of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, by the end of August and will change the way it deals with the virus, the government said on Thursday.

He said the number of confirmed cases of the virus is doubling every week, putting pressure on health services.

The World Health Organization declared in June that the outbreak of the virus was a pandemic. More than 77,000 people have been infected worldwide.

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How's your nest egg?

Pension plans may not be enough for your retirement

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The storm warnings of Canada's impending pension crisis are hard to miss. Some 3.5 million of us have no work-place pension plan whatsoever. Those who do are enrolled in plans that may not be able to meet long-term commitments.

Not surprisingly, there are calls for new public pension plans, mandatory and voluntary. The idea is to supplement the incomes of retirees, whose ranks will swell as baby boomers flood into retirement. As things stand, the outlook is grim. According to HSBK

Insurance, which annually surveys the global retirement scene, 83 per cent of Canadians have no real idea what their retirement income will be.

Even the bedrock of our pension system, the Canada Pension Plan, is being fine-tuned to reflect growing stresses. As part of their triennial review, the federal and provincial finance ministers who oversee the CPP decided to further reduce the size of benefits taken between the ages of 60 and 65. This change will be phased in over five years, starting in 2012. Conversely, those who wait until they're between the ages of 65 and 70 to apply for the CPP will get more than before. These increases will be phased in over three years, starting in 2011. The intent, clearly, is to encourage those who can manage it to delay taking their CPP benefits as

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(Editor's note: This is the first part of a three-part series by Charles Davies on pension plans.)

long as possible.

Also in 2012, the CPP will eliminate the work cessation test, which states you either stop working for the two-month period when benefits start or keep other income below \$908.75 per month, the current maximum CPP benefit. The aim is to provide benefits sooner without financial disruption for those with lower incomes.

Despite recent criticisms over its investment performance (the CPP fund's assets dropped 14 per cent to \$105.5 billion in the latest fiscal year) and the bonuses given to managers at the CPP Investment

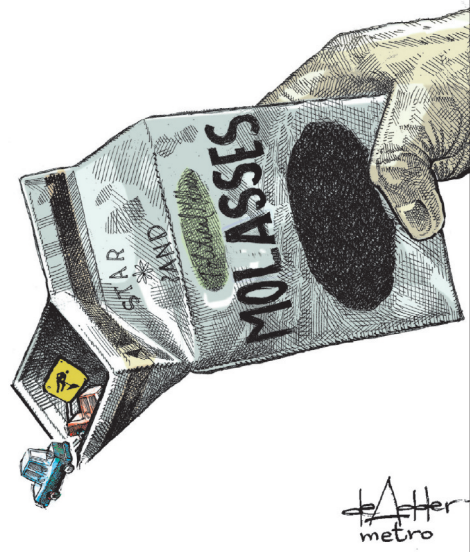
Board, the CPP is one of the pension world's greatest successes. Since reforms stabilized the plan in the 1990s, the CPP has grown hugely on the strength of an increasingly sophisticated investment strategy. And given the current level of contributions, investment income won't be needed to pay benefits for 11 years.

There's just one catch. The CPP is only designed to replace about 25 per cent of your pre-retirement earnings. That means you'll need other income — in entitlements like OAS and GIS, company pension plans, and personal savings — to have a comfy old age.

Next: Why personal savings and company pensions won't fill the gap.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

SUMMER TRAFFIC:



Worth mentioning

Technology foiling smart phone thieves

Thieves are increasingly going after iPhones and other "smart phones" but victims now can fight back with technology.

One device allows a user to remotely activate a loud siren designed to rattle the thief. Another application, for iPhones, can reveal the phone's location.

Police statistics show petty crime is down in New York but anecdotal evidence and recent headlines about street muggings targeting costly and coveted devices like Apple's iPhone have disturbed smart phone users concerned about protecting access to email, passwords and other data.

"When we have seen

spikes in thefts, a significant portion has to do with ... highly desirable products," said police spokesman Paul Browne.

"In the last couple of years it's been iPods, Sidekicks, iPhones."

He said most of these muggings involve teenagers robbing other teenagers and take place on subways in the afternoon after schools get out.

Fear of a gadget-related crime wave is not new. In 2005, as Apple's signature white earphones were becoming ubiquitous in U.S. cities, the New York Police Department reported an increase in subway crime linked to iPod thefts. Before that, victims were targeted for their expensive sneakers.

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Views

War on graffiti hits the wall in Ottawa

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"People say graffiti is ugly, irresponsible and childish. But that's only if it's done properly." — Banksy, graffiti artist.

Michael (Iz the Wiz) Martin, the famed New York graffiti artist, died earlier this month at 50. He went from tagging subway cars with his colourful and criminal creations in the 1970s and '80s to respectful obituaries in the New York Times. Iz, there can be no doubt, was here.

Meanwhile, the City of Ottawa spent \$2.3 million

last year fighting graffiti, declaring zero-tolerance zones and controversially billing property owners for mandatory removal.

The website of the Ottawa Police Service graffiti management program offers a quick primer on graffiti: "Tagging is the quick and repetitive writing, painting or 'bombing' of a word, name, symbol or acronym that may or may not contain letters, numbers, or symbols. Other types of graffiti include: Gang, hate-based, personalized, political and profane."

It's perhaps telling that political expression gets lumped in with dirty words, hate crimes and gang tags, and that there's no mention of other possible types, the satirical, the thought-provoking, the just plain cool. It's all crime

to them.

Cops, in general, make lousy art critics, and ours are not in the mood to discuss the merits of any of the stuff on our walls. Instead, they speak of "broken window syndrome," in which unsightly graffiti spreads, wrecks neighbourhoods, hampers economic development and leads to more serious crime.

It's an old argument, but I wonder if perhaps there's a little confusion of cause and effect here. Maybe graffiti is not the cause of urban malaise but a symptom.

Meanwhile, the futile campaign to erase all graffiti continues, but as the old bathroom wall taunt goes, "Janitor, janitor, give up hope. We got more ink than you got soap."

The police ask concerned

citizens to report graffiti wherever they see it, an amusing suggestion, which, if taken even slightly seriously, could jam police switchboards day in and day out.

Here's a tip, though, officers: The wall of the building next door to the Community Police Centre on Somerset displays several tags, three surreal cartoon creations, and that enigmatic local slogan: "No Air."

The meaning of this last one, ubiquitous in Ottawa, is unknown. Is it just an artist's signature? Is it an environmental message? An ironic pun on "nowhere?"

There is no clear answer. Maybe it's art.

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Oracle Corp. plans to lay off up to 1,000 workers in Europe, or about one per cent of its global staff, as the recession erodes the giant software company's earnings, French news agency AFP reported Thursday. **REUTERS**

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Delinquency rate leaps 19%

More than half a million Canadians have fallen behind on credit payments, fuelling a 19 per cent rise in the average national delinquency rate in the one-year period ending May 31, 2009, says a report from Equifax Canada.

The credit bureau called the jump "alarming," noting the average delinquency rate for Canada hit 1.52 per cent at the end of May. A lot of the trouble stemmed from missed payments on credit card bills and for sales finance purchases of items such as furniture.

Equifax defines delinquent bills as those at least 90 days overdue. The report comes just days after a Senate committee released a report urging the federal gov-

Double-digit rise

- Credit card and sales finance purchases have risen by 38 per cent and 58 per cent, respectively, since May 2008, the report said.

ernment to take action to shield consumers and small businesses from rising interest rates and fees.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty continues to review all input on credit cards, a spokesperson said. While his office gave no timeline, Pierrette Ringuette, the Liberal senator who spearheaded the study, appeared to up the ante Thursday by vowing to introduce legislation if the government fails to act.

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Unemployment 26-year high



Day labourer Fredy Arias waits outside a Home Depot store in hopes of finding work yesterday in South Miami, Fla. U.S. employers cut 467,000 jobs last month, far more than expected. Unemployment hit a nearly 26-year-high of 9.5 per cent.

CARLOS BARRIA/REUTERS

Business in brief

TAKEOVER Magna's board of directors is set to approve on Tuesday a plan for the acquisition of German carmaker Opel, two sources said on Thursday.

The Canadian auto parts supplier and Opel parent General Motors expect to resolve the last few issues holding up the takeover by July 7. **REUTERS**

Air Canada union eyeing options after deal rejected

LABOUR Negotiators for Air Canada's biggest union are meeting on Thursday to review their options before holding talks with the airline on Friday to try to forge a contract union members will accept.

A slim majority of the workers at Air Canada — members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers — voted against a

tentative 21-month deal that would have frozen wages and pension funding. The rejection, by a slim 50.8 per cent, could jeopardize Air Canada's federal approval for a temporary freeze on pension funding and \$60 million in loans, which analysts say are critical to help the debt-laden airline avoid a second bankruptcy filing in six years. **REUTERS**

Ford auto sales jump by 25%

AUTO Ford Motor Co. of Canada was the No. 1-selling automaker in the country for the first time in 50 years as it posted a 25 per cent jump in sales in June over a year earlier, the company said Thursday.

Overall auto sales fell by 13.2 per cent in June to

138,500 units, the eighth month in a row of year-over-year sales declines.

Ford, the only Detroit auto company not supported by emergency government funding, sold 27,408 vehicles in Canada in June, its first year-over-year sales increase of 2009. **REUTERS**

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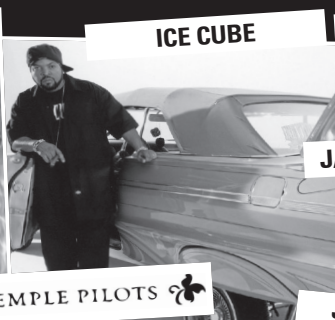
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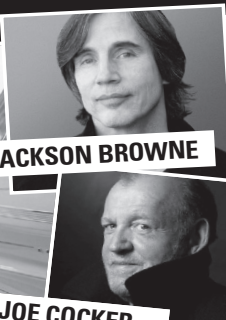
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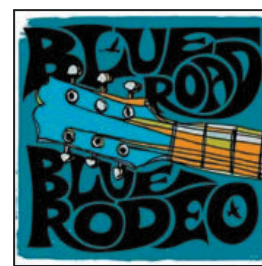
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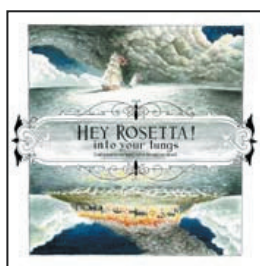
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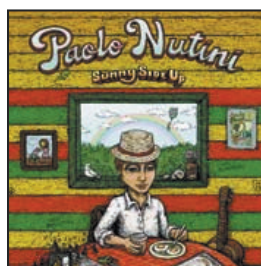
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Nestor back in Wimbledon doubles final

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic are a win away from celebrating their second straight men's doubles title at Wimbledon. The second-seeded defending champions will face top-seeded American twins Mike and Bob Bryan in the final Saturday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

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Back to Mannywood

Manny Ramirez, left, is set to return to Major League Baseball Friday night after serving a 50-game suspension for violating the league's drug policy. The National League West-leading L.A. Dodgers were 21-8 before Man-Ram's suspension and have gone 29-21 since. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

All-Williams final again

Venus, Serena face off for Wimbledon title for second straight year

Sport's most enduring sibling rivalry will be played out on U.S. Independence Day after Venus Williams exacted brutal revenge and Serena Williams displayed raw desire to inflict a double defeat on Russia at Wimbledon.

The American sisters will be setting off fireworks on women's final day for the second year running at the All England Club, but on Thursday Serena came within a heartbeat of missing out on the Fourth of July celebrations.

At 4-5, 30-40 down in the deciding set, Serena was staring defeat head on as Elena Dementieva stood one point away from reaching her first Wimbledon final.

Instead, a split second's hesitation by the Russian allowed Serena to hit a wobbly backhand volley

Venus Williams

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off the tape and the American snatched her get-out-of-jail free card to crawl over the finishing line with a 6-7, 7-5, 8-6 win over the fourth seed.

Clocking in at two hours and 50 minutes, it was the longest women's semifinal match at Wimbledon since records started being kept in 1969.

"It's definitely one of my more dramatic victories. I felt like I was down pretty much the whole match.

To come out on top was, you know, a great feeling. I wanted to win really bad," Serena told reporters.

While little sister Serena had to fight tooth-and-nail to survive a match that showed off everything that is good about women's tennis, Venus proved that there is still a gulf between her and the rest of the women's field at Wimbledon when she walloped clueless top seed Dinara Safina 6-1, 6-0.

Safina's ranking as world No. 1 looked like a statistical error as she suffered the ignominy of suffering the most lopsided semifinal defeat since Billie Jean King beat Rosie Casals by the same score 40 years ago.

The Russian sprayed errors long and wide to fold in just

51 minutes.

Grilled about whether she deserves the top ranking after her outing, Safina could only say: "It's definitely disappointing, finishing the match less than one hour and winning only one game ... I have to swallow this defeat, but it's not the end of the world."

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very Canada Day is gut-check time for true fans of sport in this country.

It's that time of year when we take note of the things that make us different as a sporting nation.

For instance, there's the Calgary Stampede. Billed as "the greatest outdoor show on Earth," it is the richest rodeo in the world.

In spite of bleeding hearts that object to calf roping and chuck-wagon

racing, the Stampede soldiers on. It is a rollicking testament to how the West was won. The frontier spirit of the cowboy, it seems, will never die and this wonderful rodeo has continued to grow every year since its inception in 1912.

On Canada Day, the CFL kicked off another season. On the prairie and in big cities at either end of the country, the beginning of the chase for the Grey Cup signals a game that reflects the vastness of the land.

It's a big field — much bigger than the one in the NFL — one that begs an adventurous spirit. In the Canadian Football League, risky passing and open-field running are standard

fare. It's football by exploration and the ball changes hands frequently. There are only three downs and plenty of scoring, making each possession a voyage of discovery.

In every way, the brand of football played in the CFL mirrors Canada. It's wild and unpredictable and rarely boring.

The ubiquitous sport in this country is hockey. Every year on Canada Day, hockey creates a stir in the national consciousness.

The great Jean Beliveau, a man once asked to be the governor general, will be the honorary captain of the 2010 Olympic men's hockey team. It's a natural choice — so Canadian in its overtones.

Finally, isn't it fitting

that in the sports pages on the country's birthday, hockey dominated the headlines?

The Canadiens and the Flames acquired new players who promise fresh hope next season when summer has given way to our obsession with ice.

You know you're a Canadian sports fan when a wild west rodeo, three-down football and the constant magic of hockey matter most.

Then again, on Canada's birthday, these are the things about sport that make it a party not to be missed.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Lots of surprise invitees to Olympic hockey camp

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Canada

HOCKEY When you glance at the stats, you might wonder why Dan Cleary's 40 points are going to Hockey Canada's Olympic men's orientation camp over Marc Savard's 90.

Or Milan Lucic's 42 over Mike Cammalleri's 82. Or Patrick Sharp's 44 over Jason Spezza's 73.

The answer? Hockey Canada's staff, which unveiled its 46-man roster for the Aug. 24-27 camp in Calgary yesterday, doesn't want an all-star team with four lines of scorers.

"When we put this list together, we wanted to bring in different types of players," said Team Canada executive director Steve Yzerman. "Some guys who aren't leading their teams in scoring, but are very good players in a different role (were invited). In doing that, we had to remove (some high-scoring players)."

That said, there is no absence of skill, led by three-time 100-point man Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins as well as Joe Thornton, Vincent Lecavalier, Jarome Iginla, Dany Heatley and Ryan Getzlaf.

But players such as Cleary, Lucic, Sharp and Brenden Morrow bring a grinding element that is well suited for a fourth line at the international level. Yzerman covets that.

"It's important for us to have some big, strong guys who can wear down the opposition," Yzerman said.

In addition to 25 forwards, Yzerman invited 16

Heatley's invite

• Dany Heatley has alienated fans across the country in the past week, but not Hockey Canada's brass.

The Ottawa Senators winger — who has made headlines all week with his request for a trade and subsequent veto of a move to the Edmonton Oilers — is one of 46 players headed to Canada's Olympic orientation camp in August.

Management couldn't ignore the 2006 Olympian's two 50-goal seasons, two 40-goal seasons and his all-time Canadian record of 38 goals at the IIHF world championships.

Canadian general manager Steve Yzerman said he understands "the reaction of the fans," but said he picked the 46 players who were "most suitable" for the team.

"His invite to camp was really secured based on his play throughout his career, his play at international events," Yzerman said. "He's been a very good player for us."

defencemen and five goaltenders. Veterans Scott Niedermayer and Chris Pronger headline the defensive invites, while Martin Brodeur and Robert Luongo are the big names in goal.

Yzerman listed hockey sense, skating ability, competitiveness and versatility as the assets he's looking for. He said most importantly he wants a roster of "responsible players."

"If you lose a game, you're out," he said. "You can't afford to have guys who are high-risk and make a lot of mistakes."

Canada's roster will ultimately be made up of 23 players.

Sports in brief

MAPLE LEAFS Mikhail Grabovski will be back with the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Belarusian forward signed an \$8.7-million US, three-year deal with the Maple Leafs on Thursday. That averages out to \$2.9 million per season — a big raise on the \$850,000 salary he earned last year.

THRASHERS Nik Antropov has cashed in with the Atlanta Thrashers. The big centre signed

a \$16-million US, four-year contract with the Thrashers, joining his third different team since March.

BAY Canadian left-fielder Jason Bay married an American, has two American daughters and makes his living playing America's pastime. The 30-year-old from Trail, B.C., was among 360 people to become U.S. citizens Thursday in Boston.

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Best beaches

Florida beaches have grabbed the top three spots on TripAdvisor's ranking of the best U.S. beaches. Pinellas County's Fort De Soto Park near St. Petersburg came in at No. 1; the Florida Keys' Bahia Honda State Park was No. 2; and Panama City's St. Andrew's State Park was No. 3. Two other Florida beaches, Siesta Beach and Cape Florida State Park, recently made the annual top 10 list from Dr. Stephen Leatherman, a.k.a Dr. Beach. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Babymoos on the rise

Increasingly, up-market hotels cater to maternity vacations

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

One of the first things people say when you tell them that you're expecting a baby is that you must immediately book your final exotic holiday before your life changes forever.

It's overdramatic to suggest that having a baby means you'll never have another exciting vacation in your life. However it is a good time for expectant parents to spend time together, stock up on some sleep, have someone else do the cooking and visit some sights that will be less practical to navigate with a baby buggy.

People have different ideas of what they'd like to do on their last child-free holiday with partner or best friend, depending on how anxious or adventurous they're feeling.

Do you want to lounge on a faraway beach, have your last crazy adventure or splash out on a luxurious romantic break?

You could indulge in your favourite sport or rest somewhere low-key and reassuringly close to home.

There are some practical considerations, however. In the first trimester pregnant women can suffer from morning sickness, phenomenal tiredness and weird food cravings; and in the last trimester they not only feel huge, but they're exhausted, too. So the ideal time to go is during the middle three months. Most airlines let you fly until 36 weeks, but will ask for a letter from your doctor after week 28.

You might fancy trekking in the middle of the jungle, but remember that pregnant women can't take malaria pills and you might want to be somewhere near reasonable medical facilities. And even if the mother-to-be is no longer slave to her cravings, you don't want to go anywhere



Left, actress Jessica Leccia shops at the Destination Maternity Madison Avenue flagship store in New York City. Right, relaxing at Little Palm Island's spa.



"(My friend) suggested an expedition to Peru until I asked how she'd feel if she went into labour at high altitude in the Andes."

where you might get food poisoning.

I took my first baby moon with my oldest friend, who lives in Washington, D.C. and was 27 weeks pregnant. She suggested an expedition to Peru until I asked how she'd feel if she went into labour at high altitude in the Andes, far away from her nice obstetrician.

My holiday choices were more restricted; pregnant by about 10 weeks, I could only face eating hamburgers or apples. This made Miami the ideal destination, with its mix of glamour, shopping, beaches, good weather, access to superlative medical care — thanks to its population of wealthy pensioners — and of course, top quality burgers.

In Miami we gave a nod to our Sex and the City days by shopping at American Apparel and sipping virgin cocktails on the rooftop bar of the trendy Gansevoort hotel.

Then we headed down the Florida Keys to the ultimate baby moon destination, Little Palm Island.

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Take your bump on holiday

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The so-called babymoon is a big trend with upmarket hotels and there are plenty of indulgent packages you can book. Take a

city break in Vienna and book the Luxury Before Birth package at The Ring Hotel, which includes two nights in a top room, massages for both parents, a limousine tour through Vienna and gifts; theringhotel.com.

In London there's the Mum to Be package at the Metropolitan Hotel which includes a free tote bag and hydrating mist, pregnancy massage and breakfast; metropolitan.com.bz.

Alternatively, book a specialist Mama Mio treat-

ment or sign up for a Relax & Indulge overnight stay at the gorgeous, wood-panelled Brown's Hotel in Mayfair, which involves a relaxing aromatherapy for daddy-to-be and a Mellow Mama massage for the expecting mother; rocco.fortecollection.com. For a romantic break in the English countryside, explore the breathtaking UNESCO-listed city of Bath, then relax at beautiful country house hotel Lucknam Park and enjoy one of the Anne Semonin mother-to-be face and body treatments in their new spa; lucknampark.co.uk.

If you're looking for something more exotic, chill out with expert pregnancy spa treatments at boutique hotel Thalassa in Cyprus, thalassa.com.cy, or babymoon at Montpelier Plantation on the Caribbean island of Nevis, with candlelit dinners overlooking the island of St. Kitts, a romantic picnic on the hotel's private beach, a tour of Nevis and massages for both of you; montpeliernevis.com.

If you're on a budget,



The Thalassa Bay hotel in Cyprus, which offers expert pregnancy spa treatments.

create your own babymoon and book a spa treatment independently. Massages are great for relaxing your mind and soothing your ever-stretching skin, but only if they're tailored with products and techniques that are safe for your bump.

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fully relaxing pre-natal treatment using a calendula-infused oil, pink clay mud and various nourishing creams.

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The joker

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Sacha Baron Cohen has made a one-man industry out of skewering stereotypes, adopting personas — like Ali G, Borat and, most recently, Brüno — and disrupting American ideals while milking major laughs in the process. But you'd be as wrong as those hotpants if you thought he launched this comedic tradition; it can actually be traced back to the '40s.

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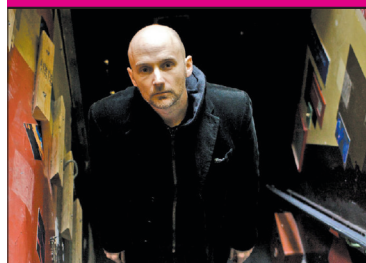
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Top stars in talks to take Steve McQueen roles.

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Sacha Baron Cohen returns as the titular gay Austrian fashionista in Brüno, coming to theatres next week.

Guerrilla guffaws

Brüno's prankish conceit has many precedents

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

It's a proven fact that Sacha Baron Cohen takes few prisoners in his go-for-broke quest for laughs. The British born enfant terrible has made a cottage industry out of skewering stereotypes, adopting personas — like Ali G and Borat — and disrupting American ideals while milking major laughs in the process.

His new film, the eagerly anticipated and much hyped Brüno, sees Cohen essaying his third most popular character — the flamboyantly gay fashionista — setting him loose upon the planet's most pretentious catwalks and the back alley's of conservative society to raise all manner of reality bending hell.

It's a prankish conceit that Cohen may have per-

fectured but by no means invented. A casual look at pop culture history reveals a cavalcade of media terrorists who delighted in pulling the wool over the eyes of polite and not-so-polite society.

CANDID CAMERA Though the practical joke's origins probably dates back to the Stone Age, it was in the 1940s that a comedian named Allen Funt created the ABC radio show Candid Microphone. Every week, Funt and his friends would hide a recording device in a covert location and trick pundits into falling for elaborate fictional gags. Later, when TV reared its head, Funt adapted, creating the long running and highly influential show into Candid Camera.

FUNNY MEN In the 1970s controversial comedian Andy Kaufman took the shtick to another, more

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avant-garde level in night-clubs and TV with his bizarre "foreign man" and Tony Clifton characters. In recent history, Johnny Knoxville and his Jackass crew shocked the world with their bizarre and confrontational stunts on MTV. Ashton Kutcher became a cult hero with his star targeting hit series Punk'd, while Montreal's Just for Laughs team produced the ever popular Gags show airing regularly on the CBC. Even fallen football hero O.J. Simpson tried his hand at the format with his pay-per-view show Juiced. The less said about that one, the better...

Movie feature

STING OPERATIONS And, in many ways, filmmaker Michael Moore, with his high-minded agenda pictures, manages to set up his victims with elaborate "sting" operations just like Funt did, though his aim is to ignite a dose of outrage to accompany a darker strain of laughter.

When the dust settles and the smoke clears though, it's Cohen who has truly created an art form out of the camera prank shtick but how long can he keep it up?

With the Ali G and Borat characters already exhausted, after Brüno, will there be anyone alive ignorant enough of his legacy enough to fool?

• Brüno hits theatres next week.

Woody Allen as sharp as ever

Whatever Works

Director: Woody Allen
Stars: Larry David, Evan Rachel Wood
Classification: PG-13
Rating: ●●●●

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Woody Allen has finally rediscovered his mojo and pulled off one of his best films in years. He's back in New York after a couple of soggy Euro trash outings, as robust and inventive as he's ever been.

And Larry David, as the central character and a newer model of the master, is perfection; Allen appears to hand him his mantle. Not only does David seamlessly sub for Allen but he's hysterical in his own right. They're Hollywood's hottest new couple, and as sharp as it gets these days.

David is Boris Yellnikoff, a younger, sexier malcontent, a scathingly hilarious but unforgiving moaner, who "sees everything" and so is able to break the cinematic fourth wall to address the audience directly. He immediately shares his primary belief — that life is "whatever works."

His café friends wonder

who he's talking to as he delivers his big monologue, because they don't see "us." Don't worry, Boris tells them. "They're here to see me." And he's right, David's the draw. He's the real deal, delivering Allen's dense script with zing.

Boris is a bitter string theorist, who was once nearly nominated for the Nobel Prize. He apparently married to "quell the panic" but that too flopped. When he failed at suicide, he "moved downtown and gave up." He's a study in contrasts, the life of the party and a self-righteous hater of people ("inchworms and cretins"). He craves isolation but he doesn't find it.

A Southern teenager named Melodie St. Ann Celestine (Wood) shows up on Boris' doorstep looking for food. He lets her in, against everything he stands for, but starts to feel twinges of life rising. He's a 'genius' and she's 'stupid', but they develop a bond.

Allen has renewed his cachet in this, his 42nd film. He's back with New York, his longest-lasting, truest love. The city may be filled with inchworms and cretins and the occasional genius but they are inchworms and cretins and geniuses Allen understands.



Evan Rachel Wood and Larry David star in Whatever Works.

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Jolie highest paid actress

Angelina Jolie, occupies the top spot on Forbes' highest paid actress list. Jennifer Aniston, comes in second. Between June 2008 and June 2009, the magazine estimates that Jolie earned \$27 million US. THEWRAP.COM

Reel Time

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Mr. Cool's comeback

Two new films on Steve McQueen in pipelines

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada



Suddenly the world's gone McQueen crazy.

With both Brad Pitt and Daniel Craig rumoured to be "in talks" to play Steve McQueen in two recently announced biopics, and McQueen's own screenplay being readied for the screen 27 years after his death, the King of Cool is back.

Producers are looking to cast an untitled biopic based on the book *Steve McQueen: Portrait of an American Rebel* — which looks at his early years in reform school, his affair with Ali McGraw, and his fascination with fast cars and drugs — and second biopic, focusing on his 15-year marriage to Neillie Toffel, is currently being adapted for the screen.

And Yucatan, an action adventure film based on McQueen's own 1,700-page script and storyboards, is being rewritten for production.

A-list stars even came out to New York's Lincoln Centre last month for a week of screenings of McQueen's films and lectures. Norman Jewison and Peter Yates were among co-stars, friends and directors who paid tribute to him.

So why the interests in McQueen?

McQueen, a.k.a. the King of Cool/Bandito, was a hipster Hollywood icon who is still admired for his inde-



Producers are eyeing Brad Pitt, bottom right, and Daniel Craig for the role of acting legend Steve McQueen, above, in two separate biopics. A film based on a McQueen screenplay is also in the works.



Steve McQueen selected filmography

- The Great Escape (1963)
- The Cincinnati Kid (1965)
- The Thomas Crown Affair (1968)
- Bullitt (1968)
- The Getaway (1972)
- Papillon (1973)
- The Towering Inferno (1974)

pendent strength and blue-eyed good looks.

"I don't believe in that phony hero stuff," he said.

McQueen could be trouble onset. He famously drove co-workers to distraction. He was quiet, tough yet vulnerable and a fighter to the core. He baited and threatened directors and manipulated studio executives with his chronic indecision.

He often began work on a film but feared he was doing the wrong thing and stopped production. "I live for myself and I answer to

nobody," he said.

Even though McQueen was extremely wealthy, he delighted in what he called "hondling," or the art of acquiring freebies. He charged the studio rental fees for wearing his own clothes and jewelry in films.

He "gave" a swimming pool to disadvantaged children in San Francisco and charged it back to the studio.

McQueen's salary always included a percentage of the film, which was unusual at that time. He was one of the first actors to earn

multimillions per picture — \$3 million at his peak — plus pages of perks and riders. It has even been reported he would dream up new ones during production.

Mr. Cool avoided the gossip rags until 1973, when he left his wife and three children for Ali McGraw who was also married. McQueen and McGraw were the Pitt and Angelina Jolie of the day.

Two generations of actors, including Colin Farrell, Kevin Costner, Bruce Willis and Pierce Brosnan, have cited him for inspiring them.

And, if this renewed interest in McQueen continues, another generation is about to have a look at the man who defined the word "cool."

Code, Confessions lead

DVD RENTALS With no high-profile theatrical features hitting DVD shelves, video consumers are turning to new material.

Case in point: *The Code*, a direct-to-video thriller from First Look Studios, is the No. 1 rental for the week ended June 28, according to Home Media Magazine's market research department.

The film stars Morgan Freeman and Antonio Banderas and was helmed by

veteran TV producer and director Mimi Leder, whose recent credits include *E.R.* and *Vanished*.

The *Code* bumped the previous week's top renter, Warner Bros.' *Gran Torino*, to No. 4, behind two other new releases, each with moderate box-office earnings: Walt Disney Studios' *Confessions of a Shopaholic*, which debuted at No. 2, and third-ranked *Inkheart*, a fantasy from Warners.

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Waterlife flows as elegiac eco-doc

Waterlife

Director: Jevin McMahon

Stars: Gord Downie

Classification: STC

Rating: ****

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada



REVIEW Kevin McMahon's documentary could be almost be called a character study of the Great Lakes, so closely does the director align the film's visual informational rhythms with the flow of H₂O.

This is not to say that there are no compelling

human figures in this Hot Docs prize winner. As the film progresses, we're introduced to a number of folks whose lives pivot in very different ways around water or the lack thereof.

Waterlife is most remarkable, however in the moments where the camera submerges, probing deeply into an ecosystem that's ultimately no safer for being so well hidden.

Throughout the film, McMahon takes stock of the damage being done to the Great Lakes via industrial pollutants, building a patient, credible case that such developments are



A scene from the Great Lakes documentary *Waterlife*.

simply foreshocks of a larger water crisis to come.

Waterlife eschews the finger-wagging Powerpoint tactics of An Inconvenient Truth, opting instead for a more elegiac tone — the only recent eco-doc it recalls is Laura Dunn's terrific *The Unforseen*, which is also about the encroachment of civilization on our liquid natural resources.

McMahon leans a bit

too heavily on his soundtrack, which includes selections from Sufjan Stevens, Sigur Ros, and the Tragically Hip (with Gord Downie pulling double duty as the narrator). But there's something to be said for accessibility when presenting such despairing material. If hipster-friendly aural accompaniment can help to grease the turnstiles, well, why not?

Those of you who sat through the ending of Resident Evil: Extinction probably saw it coming. A Resident Evil 4 is in development, and due for release on September 17, 2010 according to Shock Till You Drop. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

★★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

Dinosaurs, as you like them

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Movie dinosaurs come in all forms. As screen characters — from Jurassic Park's terrifying T-Rexes to the cute and cuddly baby dinos of this weekend's Ice Age: The Dawn of the Dinosaurs — they are as versatile as they are extinct.

Just as varied are the methods used to bring the prehistoric behemoths to big screen life.

The first film dinosaur was a pen-and-ink creature seen in a fanciful 1908 British film called Prehistoric Man. In it a caveman sketch comes alive and

threatens its creator. The artist survives by drawing a picture of a dinosaur, which also comes to life and eats the prehistoric man.

Another of the original celluloid dinosaurs was Gertie the Dinosaur. Released in 1914, the film featured 10,000 hand-drawn images to animate the tango-dancing Apatosaurus.

After Gertie, pen and ink animated dinosaurs remained popular for the next seventy years in everything from 1915's Stone Age Adventure to 1988's Land Before Time.

The word dinosaur means "fearfully-great lizard" so it makes sense that lizards have frequently subbed for their vanished cousins on celluloid.

A 1914 film called On Moonshine Mountain tried to pass off geckos as dinosaurs while 1940's One Million B.C. dressed up lizards with cardboard fins for a more "realistic" dinosaur appearance. D.W.

"Perhaps people's fascination with prehistoric life has something to do with bridging fantasy with reality."

Ray Harryhausen

Griffith tried for a more menacing look, using an alligator dressed up as a dino for his two-reeler Brute Force, which described the great beasts as "one of the perils of prehistoric apartment life."

Other methods of crafting on-screen dinos include the old "man in a rubber suit" trick (pioneered by cheapo producer Roger Corman in Voyage to the Prehistoric Planet but perfected by Toho Studios in the Godzilla films) and the wondrous stop motion animation of Willis O'Brien (The Lost World) and Ray

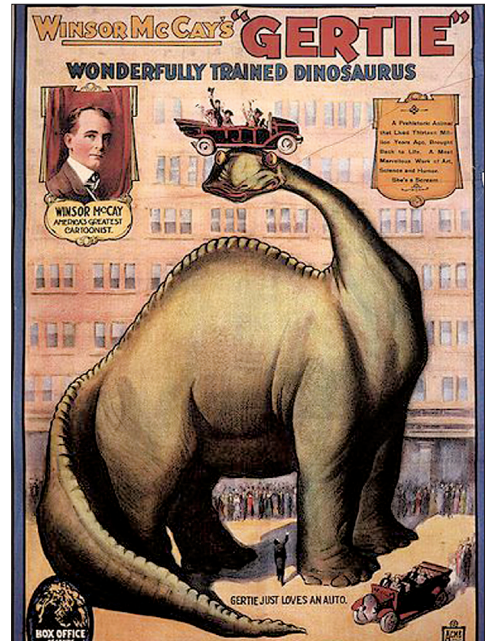
Harryhausen (The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms) but the biggest and baddest show biz dinosaurs sprung from the mind of Steven Spielberg (and the computers of his animators).

Even though Jurassic Park's binary code velociraptors and triceratopses weren't biologically accurate and didn't exist during the Jurassic days (most didn't live until the Cretaceous period) they were the loudest and proudest dinos the movies had ever seen.

Hundreds of films have featured dinosaurs and audiences never seem to tire of them, but why?

"Perhaps people's fascination with prehistoric life has something to do with bridging fantasy with reality," offers Harryhausen. "They are connected with the shadowy key to our mysterious origin."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.



Gertie the Dinosaur was one of the original celluloid dinosaurs.

#1 MOVIE IN THE WORLD



Hollywood tapping into hipster market

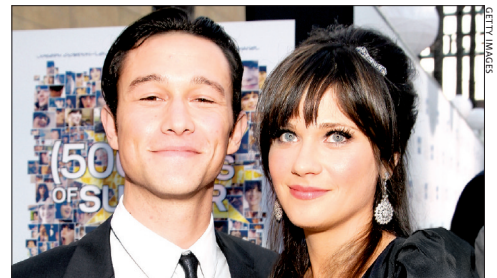
Batten down the hatches — the hipsters are coming.

Even as Hollywood studios increasingly aim at the broadest possible audience, a few companies are experimenting with the opposite approach in these summer months and beyond: They're making smart, quirky movies for a sophisticated young audience.

The pics are trying to be the next Garden State, a 2004 film that, like other hipster pics, can be generally defined as trafficking in moody music, casual style and characters who are disaffected.

But to succeed, these films will need to compete in a more difficult market than Garden State did only five years ago — and do even bigger business than that picture's \$27 million.

Perhaps the most prominent example of the form is Fox Searchlight's upcoming breakup comedy-drama (500) Days of Summer, Marc Webb's subtle, funny an-



Stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel arrive at the premiere of the hipster-friendly (500) Days of Summer.

duncharacteristically guy-centric view of modern romance. The film opens July 17 in limited release.

Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt as a reflective young man and Zooey Deschanel as his ethereal, sometimes unattainable love interest, the movie was one of the breakout hits at Sundance this year.

But even by the standards of Searchlight — which with films like Garden State and Juno has elevated hipster marketing to an art form — Summer's most appealing aspects are moments of quirky, contextual comedy and its mood of melancholy, not exactly the kind of stuff

that plays well as you dig into your popcorn waiting for the feature to begin.

"This movie is particularly challenging to put forward in a 30-second spot or even a two-minute trailer," says Fox Searchlight president Nancy Utley.

The specialty division has thus staged a remarkably prolific screening campaign. Since its Sundance premiere, the movie has travelled to 28 festivals and played 215 word-of-mouth screenings. Searchlight also staged a six-city June 21 giveaway of food and other merchandise at retailers, watching as Twitter and Facebook fuelled the events' popularity. **REUTERS**



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OTTAWA

BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Amarcord (STC) Thu 6:50
Departures (Japanese w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 6:45 Sat 9 Sun 4
Is Anybody There? (PG) Fri 9:25
 Sat 2:45-6:55 Sun 6:40 Mon-Wed 7
 Thu 4:45
The Limits of Control (14A) Sun 8:45
 Mon 4:30 Tue 9:05 Wed 4:30-9:05 Thu 9:25
O'Horten (Norwegian w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4:45 Sat 4:50 Sun 2
Y Tu Mama Tambien (R) Mon 9:05 Tue 4:45

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

Les Amants (STC) Sat 7
The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat) (14A) Sun 7
La Femme qui boit (STC) Sat 9
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Mon-Thu

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Creature Features Volume 2: Armory, Ears, Feathers & Scales, Fur & Skin, Headgear (STC) Fri-Thu 9:30-10:30 Fri-Thu 10-11
Power of the Earth: Rare Earth (STC) Fri-Thu 11:30-1:30-3:30 Wed-Thu 6 Fri-Tue 12:30-2:30-4:30 Wed-Thu 7

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Forever Plaid (STC) Thu 8
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:10-10
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:30-9
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My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:40-7:20-10:05 Thu 4:40-7:20-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:30
Public Enemies (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:40-7:10-20
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Thu 4:50-10:25
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-12:30-3:20-3:50-6:40-7:10-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:30-8
Up in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-7:05-9:40
Year One (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-7:50

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd floor
World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

Easy Virtue (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:7:20-9:50 Wed 1-4-9:50 Thu 1-4:7:20-9:50
My Sister's Keeper (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:40-6:40-9:25

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Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:10-9:30
Whatever Works (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3-7-9:40

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat 6:30 Sun 4:15-9:20 Wed 7 Thu 9:15
BFF (Best Friends Forever) (STC) Sat-Sun 2
Dusk to Dawn Movie Marathon (STC) Sat 9:30
I Love You, Man (14A) Mon 9 Wed 9:40 Thu 7
Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (R) Tue 7
Kill Bill: Vol. 2 (18A) Tue 9:15
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Sat-Sun 12 Mon 7
Waterlife (STC) Fri 7 Sat 4 Sun 9:20

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Drag Me to Hell (14A) Fri-Thu 5:15-9:35
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri-Thu 5:20-9:40
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 10-12
Imagine That (G) Fri-Thu 10:40-12:55-3:10-7:25
Land of the Lost (PG) Fri-Wed 10:30-12:45-3:7:20 Thu 12:45-3:7:20 Thu 10:30
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:30-4:35
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-6:40-9
Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:25
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:35-2:45-5:7:15-9:30

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

The Hangover (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Sat 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:9-15-11:30 SDDS Digital Sun-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:9-15
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sat 12:05-2:20-4:35-6:50-9:05-11:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sun-Thu 12:05-2:20-4:35-6:50-9:05
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 11:50-2:55-6:25-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Thu 11:50-2:55-6:25-9:30

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

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Up (PG) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:25-4:05-7:10-9:35
Year One (14A) Fri-Wed 10:40-4:30-7:25 Thu 10:40-4:30

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Merveilles des Mers (STC) Fri 1-7 Sat 1-6 Sun 10-1 Mon 1-6 Tue 1-7 Wed 1-9 Thu 1-8
Momies: Secret des Pharaons (STC) Fri-Sat 10-4 Sun 4 Mon 4-7 Tue 4-8 Wed 10-4 Thu 4
Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs (STC) Fri 12-3-6 Sat 12-3 Sun 12-3-6 Mon 10-12-3-9 Tue 10-12-3-6-9 Wed 11-3-6-8 Thu 12-3-6-9
Under the Sea (STC) Fri 11-2-5 Sat 11-2-5-7 Sun 11-2-5 Mon 11-2-5-8 Tue 11-2-5-7 Wed 12-2-5-7 Thu 11-2-5-7

CINEMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

De père en fils (STC) Wed-Thu 1-3:20-9:20
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Tue 1-3:20-7:9:20 Wed-Thu 3-9
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-6:50-9:10
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
À vos marques... Party! 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:6:40-9 Wed-Thu 12:40-6:40

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Anges et démons (G) Fri-Thu 3:10-7:10-9:30
Dans ses rêves (G) Fri-Thu 12:1-5:50-20
Encore 17 ans (G) Fri-Thu 12:3-35
Lendemain de veille (13+) Fri-Thu 2:10-4-7:30
Malédiction de l'enfer (13+) Fri-Thu 5:30-7:15-9
Monstres contre Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 12:1-35-5:50
Star Trek v.f. (G) Fri-Thu 12:3-40-7:25
Terminator Rédemption (13+)

Fri-Thu 9:35
X-Men les origines: Wolverine (13+) Fri-Thu 1:45-5:40-9:15

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

Pelham 123: L'ultime station (13+) Fri-Tue
Star Trek (G) Fri-Tue
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (G) Fri-Tue
À vos marques... Party! 2 (G) Fri-Tue

GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

De père en fils (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:05-4:7-05-9:50
Ennemis publics (13+) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:40
J'ai tué ma mère (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:30-6:50-9:05
L'an un (G) Fri-Tue 1:05-4
L'ère de glace: L'aube des dinosaures (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:45-7:15-9:30
Ma vie pour la tienne (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-7:20-9:50
Pelham 123: L'ultime station (13+) Fri-Tue 6:20-9
La proposition (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:9:25
Transformers: La revanche (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:3-15-6:30-9:35
À vos marques... Party! 2 (G) Fri-Thu 1:3-45-7:10-9:45

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemafortune.ca

Anges et démons (G) Fri-Thu 3-6:40-9:50
Ennemis publics (13+) Fri-Thu 12:15-12:45-3:30-4:6:45-7:15-10:05-10:30
J'ai tué ma mère (G) Fri-Thu 4:20-9:50
L'an un (G) Fri-Thu 12:05
L'ère de glace: L'aube des dinosaures (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
L'ère de glace: L'aube des dinosaures 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Lendemain de veille (13+) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:20-5:7:35-10:20
Là-Haut 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:30
Ma vie pour la tienne (G) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10-10:25
Millénium le film (v.f.) (13+) Fri-Thu 12:3-15-6:30-9:45
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La proposition (G) Fri-Thu 1:3-5:07-05-9:45
Transformers: La revanche (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-11:50-12:20-3:20-3:45-6:35-6:55-7:15-10-10-10:35
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:05-6:50-10:15
À vos marques... Party! 2 (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-7

BARRHAVEN

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131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:40-7:30-10:10
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-6:30-9:20
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:7-10-9:50
Public Enemies (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:20-10:30
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Up (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:05-9:35

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SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri-Wed 12:05-3:15-6:40-9:50 Thu 12:05-3:15-6:40
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Year One (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:50-6:15-9:10

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250 Centrum Blvd., 613-834-0666

The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-7-10-9:40
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Dinosaurs (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:40-4-6:30-8:50 No Passes Sun 12:40-6:30-8:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:40-4-6:30-8:50 No Passes Sun 4
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Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:20

KANATA

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801 Earl Grey Dr., 613-599-1200

Angels & Demons (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Wed 4:05-7:10-10:15 SDDS Digital Thu 4:05
Brüno (18A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement, Sneak Preview Thu 12:01 (midnight)
The Hangover (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 11:40-12:10-2:15-2:45-4:40-5:10-7:15-7:45-9:45-10:30 SDDS Digital Thu 11:40-12:10-2:15-2:45-4:40-5:10-7:15-9:45
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Thu 11:05-11:50-12:35-1:35-2:10-2:50-4-4:30-5:15-6:45-7:15-7:50-9:05-9:30-10:10
Kambakkht Ishq (14A) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Fri-Wed 1:15-4:35-8:05 Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Thu 1:15-4:35
My Sister's Keeper (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:25-12:1-3:0-2:05-2:35-4:20-4:50-5:20-6:55-7:25-7:55-9:30-10:10-10:30
Night at the Museum (G) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 11:05-1:35
The Proposal (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 11:45-12:15-2:15-2:45-4:45-5:25-7:25-7:55-9:55-10:25
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• Dinosaur Jr. Farm:

Dino Jr.'s trademark mix of searing, fuzzy guitar alt-rock is infused with catchy pop hooks.



• Dirty King, The Clinks:

Toronto-based trio adds power ballads to its passionate pop-punk sound, suiting Lucas Silveira's gender-bending vocals nicely.



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TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. I Know You Want Me Pitbull
2. Boom Boom Pow Black Eyed Peas
3. Fire Burning Sean Kingston
4. Day 'N' Nite Kid Cudi
5. I'm On A Boat Lonely Island
6. Kiss Me Thru The Phone Soulja Boy
7. Knock You Down Keri Wilson
8. Birthday Sex Jeremy
9. Right Round Flo Rida
10. I Gotta Feeling Black Eyed Peas

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Drummer Kramer hits 'Rock Bottom'

PEOPLE Aerosmith drummer Joey Kramer says he wrote his new book, *Hit Hard: A Story of Hitting Rock Bottom at the Top*, in order "to be entertaining, but at the same to ... help people."

Hit *Hard* chronicles the drummer's substance abuse problems, his psychologically scarring relationship with his father and a similarly tumultuous, "co-dependent" battle with Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler.

REUTERS

Moby worth the wait

Artist abandons market pressures in favour of making 'private music'

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

When Moby started making music, he never anticipated his career to last more than six months.

"My dream was of having more than 10 people listen to the music that I made. More than 100 seemed absurd and presumptuous," said the 43-year-old New York musician, born Richard Melville Hall.

Twenty-four years later, he's got nine solo albums under his belt — and that's outside of earlier band stints. Moby's music has bridged the techno, ambient, electronica and rock genres and previous releases have largely shared his motivation of creating music for the ears of others.

But on his new release, *Wait For Me*, Moby's abandoned market pressures, making what he considers, "private music."

"It's music that only really makes sense listened to



Wait for Me, the new album from New York-based artist Moby, was released earlier this week.

at home by yourself or with one other person," he said, likening it to creations by late English singer-songwriter Nick Drake and contemporary Wisconsin folk soloist, Bon Iver.

"When I found myself getting more involved in that world of commercial, mainstream music, half of me felt like an anthropologist because it was just so

foreign," he said. "To be at an MTV awards show and be sitting between Justin Timberlake and Ludacris... I was like, I'm sure these people are nice. I have no idea what motivates them."

What motivates Moby? Creation, chiefly, he said. He's careful not to criticize the world of commercial music, but when it boils down to art vs. commerce,

he hails the prior as superior and indicates there's a problem with compromising one's artistic principles for the sake of accommodating the marketplace.

"Life is short, the marketplace is cheap and art is one of those few things that actually gives meaning to peoples' lives. I hate to see potentially great artists sacrificing their

principles on the altar of commerce," he said.

That's why, to launch his first truly independent release, Moby committed what he said a friend of his dubs "commercial suicide" — releasing the album's fully instrumental first single *Shot in the Back of the Head*, unlikely to be played on radio, accompanied by a rather dour video illustrated and animated by nonconforming filmmaker David Lynch, even less likely to be seen on television, and giving it away for free.

"The old punk rocker in me really likes that," he said, smiling. But even though Moby boasts punk rock's anti-establishment attitude, such independence still yields private trials, which he aimed to address with *Wait For Me*.

"The most challenging thing is the human condition — mortality. We might not have significance, but we can have the solidarity of the fact that we're all experiencing the same thing."

Five great albums released this year

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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"I'm not sure how this happened so soon — maybe it was the lousy spring across much of the country — but as of Tuesday, 2009 is half done. Time for a highly subjective review of what I think are some of the best albums of the year — so far, anyway — listed in the order in which they were released.

The Panics/Cruel Guards:

Technically, this album isn't new at all. It was released at home in Australia in the fall of 2007, but it's only recently been released internationally. The music is soulful, dipping into Motown territory while moderating it with Coldplay's earnestness while adding just a dash of Bono. Everyone I've played the CD for has loved it. Key track: *Don't Fight It*. **White Lies/To Lose My Life:** I found last summer's demos intriguing enough to mark Jan. 19, 2009, on my calendar as the album's official release date. When I finally heard it, I was gobsmacked at how three 20 year-olds could sound so world-weary. To say that

Mastodon's *Crack the Sky* encompasses everything from czarist mystics to wormholes.

this is a work displaying talent and a worldview beyond their years is an understatement. Key tracks: *To Lose My Life*, *Death*. **Fight Like Apes / Fight Like Apes and the Mystery of**

the Golden Medallion: Released at home in Ireland last fall but not issued elsewhere until January 2009, this awkwardly titled album has been on "repeat" in my iPod ever since. MayKay, the singer, sounds like she's teetering on the edge of insanity — and I mean that with all the love in the world. By the way, FLA calls their music "karate rock." Listen and you'll see why. Key track: *Tie Me Up with Jackets*.

Mastodon/Crack the Sky: A metal concept album released in March that encompasses everything from czarist mystics to wormholes to Stephen Hawking. What's not to like? It was especially good at rebut-

ting a pool party last weekend where they played nothing but BeeGees for two-and-a-half hours. Six minutes of *Oblivion* fixed them. Key tracks: *Oblivion*, *The Last Baron*.

Spinnerette/Spinnerette: I'll admit it: I have a thing for Brody Dalle who fills that gap between Courtney Love and Karen O of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. A pre-Christmas release of an EP called *Ghetto Love* hinted at some cool things and a full self-titled album — which was released just ten days ago — has me hooked. Key tracks: *Baptized by Fire*.

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Katie's song and dance routine

It's official! Katie Holmes will perform on So You Think You Can Dance in celebration of the FOX show's 100th episode, airing July 23, in a song and dance tribute to Judy Garland. **PEOPLE.COM**



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Entertainment

Jermaine wishes it was him instead

Jermaine Jackson said on Thursday that when he first saw his brother, pop star Michael Jackson, dead in a hospital room he kissed him on the forehead and wished that he had died instead.

"I don't know how people are going to take this, but I wish it was me," Jermaine said on the Today morning talk show on NBC television.

"I've always felt that I was his backbone; someone to — someone to be there for him," said Jermaine, who with Michael and three other brothers formed the Motown band the Jackson 5 and who is four years older than Michael.

Michael Jackson, who later enjoyed a massive success as a solo artist with hit albums like 1982's *Thriller*, died a week ago after suffering cardiac arrest at his rented Los Angeles mansion.

Speculation has swirled in the media that the 50-year-old pop star was abusing prescription drugs and perhaps intravenous drugs ahead of comeback concerts this month in London.

An official autopsy has been performed but toxicology tests won't be ready for weeks. Results of a private

autopsy by a Jackson family doctor have not been released.

Jermaine Jackson said reports of Michael Jackson's possible drug use hurt his family. "For people to come forth and say things that they don't have the facts to is very damaging to the family, to me, to us, because we don't know," he said.

"Michael has always been a person who was against anything like that. But I'm not saying it's right, because it's not right, but in this business the pressures and things that you go through, you never know what one turn(s) to," Jermaine said.

He noted that Michael Jackson underwent a physical exam before starting rehearsals and had been cleared by doctors. In a will that surfaced Wednesday, Michael Jackson nominated his 79-year-old mother, Katherine Jackson, to care for his three children in the event of his death, and Jermaine said the family matriarch was capable of handling the responsibility.

"I thought it was a great will because the children are fine, my mother's the perfect person to be there, physical exam before starting rehearsals and had been cleared by doctors. In a will that surfaced Wednesday, Michael Jackson nominated his 79-year-old mother, Katherine Jackson, to care for his three children in the event of his death, and Jermaine said the family matriarch was capable of handling the responsibility.

and it's definitely him," Jermaine Jackson said.

He also said Jackson's Neverland Valley Ranch in central California would make the perfect, final resting place for his brother. "This is his home. He created this. Why wouldn't he be here?" Jackson said.



Michael Jackson's brother Jermaine Jackson (pictured) says reports of the late pop star's drug use hurt his family.

REUTERS

Carradine died of asphyxiation

PEOPLE The medical examiner who oversaw a private autopsy on David Carradine said Wednesday that the Kung Fu star died from asphyxiation and the way the actor's body was bound allowed him to rule out suicide. Carradine was found hanging in the closet of his Bangkok hotel suite on June 4 and his family hired a New York-based forensic pathologist to conduct a follow-up death investigation.

REUTERS

Custody battle

• Debbie Rowe, the mother of Jackson's two eldest children, told NBC4 television in Los Angeles she would seek custody of the kids, setting the stage for a legal tussle with Jackson's parents. "I want my children," Rowe said in a telephone interview with NBC4. Temporary guardianship was granted to Jackson's mother, Katherine. **REUTERS**

Neverland to rival Graceland?

TOURISM Abandoned by Michael Jackson after a humiliating child molestation trial in 2005, the late singer's Neverland Ranch could now become one of the biggest draws in the world as a memorial to the King of Pop.

Jackson's family has said there are no plans for a funeral or burial of his body at the ranch in central California after his death last week.

But the rural playground inspired by Jackson's alter-ego, Peter Pan, would remain an attraction in a region already visited by tourists, and it could rival Elvis Presley's Graceland as a future venue for his millions of fans around the world.

"Michael Jackson has

"Michael Jackson ... probably (has) a stronger fan base than even Elvis."

Roger Brooks, CEO Destination Development International

worldwide appeal and probably a stronger fan base than even Elvis. Neverland is a lot larger than Graceland and Los Angeles is a major tourist destination already," said Roger Brooks, CEO of tourism company Destination Development International. "Neverland embodied who Michael Jackson was — the good and the bad. I think it could draw about one million visitors a year," **REUTERS**

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Michael Jackson: The Final Years

BOOK Montreal-based Transit Publishing is ready to cash it in with this biography, the first one to be published since Jackson's death. On sale next week, the tell-all by Canadian writer Ian Halperin claims to have all kinds of inside information. Not excited yet? OK, Halperin predicted last December that Jacko would die within six months.



2 Kevin Skinner

PERSON As expected, American's Got Talent got its Susan Boyle moment this week with the unassuming chicken catcher from Kentucky. There were sniggers at Skinner's rustic appearance until he blew the judges with his rendition of Garth Brooks' 'If Tomorrow Never Comes'. Needless to say, search engines and blogs were abuzz. Even the Hoff was visibly moved.

3 The Pirate Party

POLITICS Shiver me timbers, eh? The copyright-bashing spirit of the Swedish collective is headed for Canadian shores, thanks to a small group of homemade swash-bucklers who are banding together following the party's rising popularity in parts of Europe. Their platform? People should have the right to share and copy music, movies and virtually any material, as long as it is for personal use, not for profit.

4 Johnny Depp

CELEBRITY The ultimate Hollywood chameleon flooded the critics with his portrayal of celebrity outlaw John Dillinger in Michael Mann's latest crime epic *Public Enemies*. Now there's talk that top producers are desperate to sign the Pirates of the Caribbean star to play Michael Jackson.



5 Michael Jackson albums

MUSIC Nine of the departed pop megastar's albums made the Top 10 on Billboard Pop Charts this week, breaking all kinds of records. A similar feat was repeated on Amazon. Any doubts about the King of Pop's reign have been forever laid to rest.

6 Seth Rogen and Michael Cera

ACTORS This week, Canada's golden boys of comedy made the exclusive Hollywood club that votes on the Academy Awards. Vancouver-born Rogen, whose hits include *Knocked Up* and *Pineapple Express*, and Brampton, Ont., native Cera will be feted by the academy at a reception in September, along with other new voting members.

7 Firefox 3.5

BROWSER They say the best things in life are free. The argument definitely holds for the open-source browser, which once again proved why it's so far ahead in the web game. The new version not only sports some cool features but is incredibly fast as well. So it's back to the drawing boards, Internet Explorer 8.



Shoes key to MJ's dance

Michael Jackson was not only a great pop singer and dance artist — but he was also an inventor, patenting new technologies to support his signature moves.

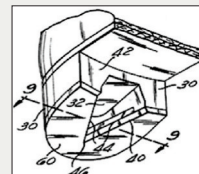
One trick Jackson liked to carry out during his concerts was to defy gravity. During a number, he would lean so far forward that the audience was amazed at how he did not fall over. The secret behind the gravity-defying trick? A shoe he invented and patented.

On Google Patents, it is possible to see Jackson's invention in its entirety, with sketches of how the specially designed shoes work on stage. By attaching the shoe to the floor, Jackson could be sure he would remain standing even when he leaned forward to near-toppling degrees.

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How it was done

- Jackson's specially designed shoe went above the ankle;
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A little taste of Heaven

KATHY BUCKWORTH
for Metro Canada

"Together now!" is a phrase I normally deploy when taking my wayward children out for a walk, mall visit or as a desperate plea to have them all smile in the annual family photograph.

So I was pleasantly surprised when I heard my two youngest kids say these two words, thinking some of my terrific team bonding parenting skills were finally showing results.

Guess again. I should have been suspicious when they recited it in unison, on key, and to a beat. These guys are never that harmonious. Until now, because of a new game on our Nintendo DSi called Rhythm Heaven. It's basically all in the pen-tap-

ping, as players work their way through a series of intriguing games that mostly require them to hit or flip the pen on the screen at precisely the right time. We've discovered it's more about listening to the soundtrack than watching the screen, and that's a cool way to inte-

grate hand-eye co-ordination and listening skills. (If you aren't a parent or a teacher, you may not be aware that children are not masters at listening, per se.)

"The game consists of easy-to-learn starter levels that progress to 'remix' levels that require mastery of the previous mini-games," says Nintendo Canada's Matt Ryan. "It's a lot of fun and quite silly and

Rhythm Heaven, which helps players improve their hand-eye co-ordination, is now available for the Nintendo DSi.

will build the player's sense of rhythm and co-ordination."

Personally, I had never thought of Ping Pong as a rhythm-based game, but after playing it in Rhythm Heaven (excellent graphics and sound, unlike my experience with Pong, 20 years ago), the next time I play on a real table I'll be listening for the ball as well as watching for it.

Other games include jumping monkeys; alien planets ... even an ancient island talking head who gets bird droppings on his head as a penalty when you miss the beat. This is a terrific game for the whole family — perfect for the cottage on a rainy day when you're in the mood for giving your brain a good workout.

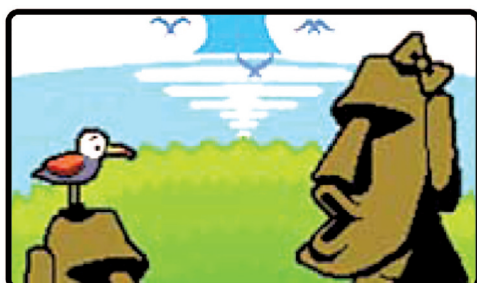
What's also giving me a brain workout right now is my teenage son getting his driver's licence. If it's speed that he needs, I'm hoping that letting him play Mario Kart DS will be a good way for me to distract him from getting out on the real road.

"Mario Kart DS is an easy to pick-up-and-play racing game that uses Mario franchise characters and over-the-top tracks, items and Karts (similar to go-karts) to race in circuits," says Ryan.

And honestly, at present my seven year-old son Nic is displaying a little more driving finesse than his older brother at this fun and sometimes challenging zippy game.

"To get first in the races, players need to strategically use the 'items,' jumps and short cuts to their advantage and beat the other racers," explains Ryan. This makes sense as Nic has consistently demonstrated these moves in order to be first in line at the school bus stop.

Driving cars and a driving beat — these two games make a great start to a family game collection. Together now, kids.



A sample of some of the games available on Rhythm Heaven.



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On Alex Jones' Infowars radio show on Monday, Spencer and Heidi Pratt said that 9/11 was an "inside job," that global warming theories are "mind-boggling" and lamented the "end of humanity." **USMAGAZINE.COM**

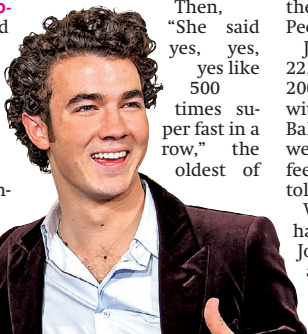
Celebrity Buzz

Jonas Bro off the market

33% OF FANS ARE HEARTBROKEN

Kevin Jonas surprised his girlfriend Danielle Deleasa by showing up at her doorstep in New Jersey early Wednesday morning and dropping down to his knee to ask her to marry him.

Presented with a cushion-cut diamond ring that Jonas designed with Jacob & Co., Deleasa couldn't believe what was happening, people.com is reports.



Then, "She said yes, yes, yes like 500 times super fast in a row," the oldest of

the Jonas Brothers told People.

Jonas, 21, and Deleasa, 22, who met in May of 2007 while vacationing with their families in the Bahamas, haven't set a wedding date yet. "It still feels like a dream," she told People.

When Deleasa, a former hairdresser, first met Jonas two years ago, she admitted, "I didn't know who the Jonas Brothers were." It was

Jonas who eagerly pursued her after meeting her and then spotting her walking on the beach with a flower in her hair.

Jonas popped the question after arriving in New Jersey on an overnight flight from a concert in Vancouver. "It was tough performing last night, knowing that I was going to ask the biggest question in my life to the most amazing girl in the world," he said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

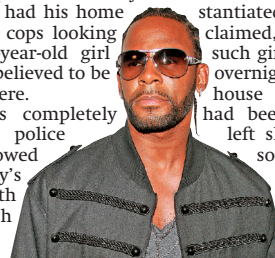
New rumours denied

UH OH R. Kelly has been battling more rumours about troubles with underage girls after the National Enquirer published a story saying he had his home raided by cops looking for a 17-year-old girl who was believed to be staying there.

"This is completely false. No police ever showed up at Kelly's house with a search warrant

nor was his house ever searched," Kelly's rep, Allan Mayer, said in a statement to E! News. "It is also not true, as the unsubstantiated report

claimed, that any such girl ever stayed overnight in Kelly's house or that she had been there but left shortly before some mythical police search."



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Kate's career stalls on divorce?

FALLOUT First Kate Gosselin's book was delayed, then her reality show went on hiatus. Now her clothing line promotion deal with Healthtex is up in the air, usmagazine.com reports. "Our project is on hold while she focuses on her family," Healthtex rep Scott Pryzwansky told radaronline.com.

Gosselin, 34, was hawking the line as recently as May on the Rachael Ray Show. She handed out a gift bag that contained

what Ray described as "a Healthtex outfit (Kate) helped design and create."

The fall clothing line is still available at Wal-Mart, but Gosselin is not involved.

On Monday — one week after she and her husband Jon filed divorce papers — Christian publisher Zonder-van announced her upcoming cookbook, Love Is in the Mix:

Making Meals into Memories, wouldn't hit stores this November as originally planned.

The book promised an "inside look at one of America's most famous close-knit families."

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Moss getting hitched to Hince?

SETTLING DOWN Kate Moss is engaged to Jamie Hince, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 35-year-old supermodel — who has been dating The Kills rocker since summer 2007 — has sparked rumours the pair is planning to wed after she was spotted wearing an impressive diamond on her ring finger during a romantic trip to Paris.

A source said: "Kate

and Jamie looked totally loved-up. Jamie took her to the trendy La Maison Du Caviar restaurant for a romantic lunch.

"People kept noticing the ring on her engagement finger but she didn't say anything."

This is not the first time it has been reported the British beauty and the 40-

year-old musician are set to tie the knot.

Earlier this year, Hince revealed he was desperate to commit to Moss.

He said: "I want to marry Kate. She's all I want. She's all I need."

Shortly after they started dating, and just months after she ended her engagement to troubled Babyshambles singer Pete Doherty, it was reported Moss had popped the question to guitarist Hince at a friend's wedding.

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O'Neal drama at funeral

FRACTURED FAMILY Ryan O'Neal went to great lengths to make sure his son Redmond O'Neal could be allowed out of prison to attend Farrah Fawcett's funeral, but he reportedly put just as much effort into making sure his older son, Griffin O'Neal, was barred from entering the service, according to Inside Edition.

Ryan told the program he had Griffin banned "because he's a bad guy." Griffin, who drove 480 km to attend his



stepmother's funeral, said, "I just wanted to say goodbye to someone that I knew and loved for 33 years."

His sister, Tatum O'Neal, was reportedly also asked to skip the funeral.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Hilary joins Gossip Girl

GUEST SPOT Hilary Duff is coming to start some drama on the Upper East Side, people.com reports. The singer and actress is joining the cast of Gossip Girl for several episodes, reports ew.com.

Duff will play Olivia Burke, a famous film star in search of the normal college experience. Her school of choice will be

New York University, where Blair (Leighton Meester), Dan (Penn Badgley) and



Vanessa (Jessica Szohr) were also accepted.

And in an excellent twist, Olivia will be rooming with Vanessa! Will they be friends? How will Blair react? And could she catch the eye of a certain Brooklynite?

Duff's first episode is set to air Oct. 5.

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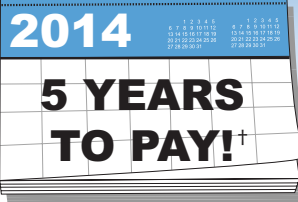
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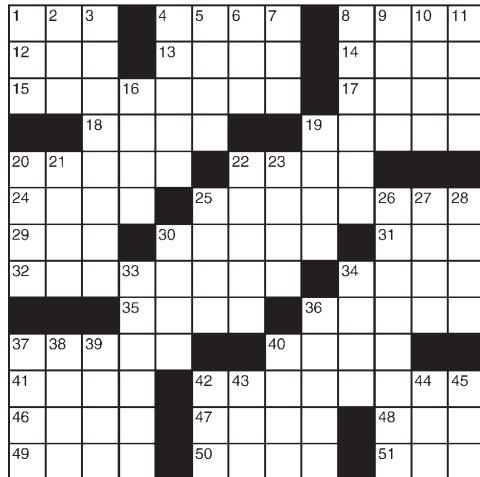
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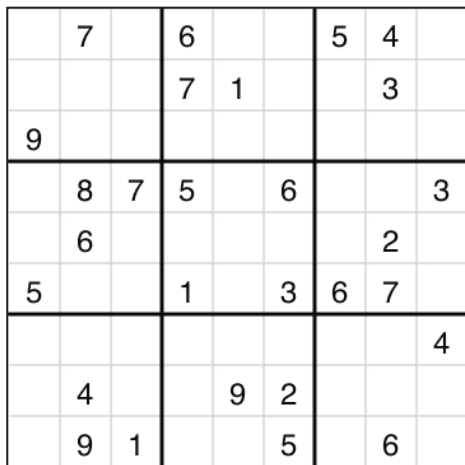
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



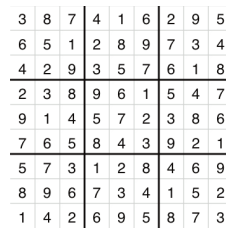
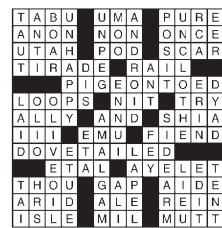
Crossword across

- 1 Peculiar
- 4 Furniture brand
- 8 Long ride?
- 12 Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- 13 Infamous lyre player
- 14 Finished
- 15 Truman's economic policy
- 17 Barn roof decoration
- 18 Witticism
- 19 Less
- 20 Hugh Laurie series
- 22 Apollo 11 goal
- 24 Dust Bowl migrant
- 25 One justifiably ridiculed
- 29 Bobby of hockey
- 30 Move laterally
- 31 San Francisco's — Hill
- 32 No cheating
- 34 Ticket receipt
- 35 Steering site
- 36 Runs off
- 37 Get more magazines
- 40 Gloomy
- 41 Dogfight participants
- 42 Fan of carnivals
- 46 Via, in verse
- 47 Right on the map?
- 48 Have bills
- 49 Lays down the lawn
- 50 Apiece
- 51 Encountered

Crossword down

- 1 Lumbox
- 2 "CSI" evidence
- 3 Rum recipe
- 4 Privately made movie
- 5 Retain
- 6 Historic time
- 7 Comcast alternative
- 8 Affectionate
- 9 Terrible guy?
- 10 Carte
- 11 Galena and cinnabar
- 16 Stratagem
- 19 Oliver Twist's request
- 20 Component of stock footage?
- 21 Gumbo item
- 22 Sir's counterpart
- 23 Unctuous
- 25 Occupy
- 26 Waiting area
- 27 Small grimace
- 28 Undergoes recession
- 30 Jet forth
- 33 Monkey in a lab
- 34 Punch
- 36 Onward
- 37 "Phooey!"
- 38 Reverberate
- 39 Dweeb
- 40 Platter
- 42 Retainer
- 43 Motorists' org.
- 44 Ram's fan?
- 45 On pension (Abbr.)

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Stir-fried Beef with Vegetables

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) round roast, thinly sliced
 - 2 tbsp (25 ml) oyster sauce
 - 3 tsp (15 ml) low sodium soy sauce
 - 1/2 tsp (2 ml) sugar
 - 2 tbsp (25 ml) corn starch
 - 2 garlic cloves, chopped
 - 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil
 - 1 small onion, cut into wedges
 - 1 small carrot, peeled and sliced
 - 1 red pepper, deseeded and sliced
 - 3 1/2 oz (100 g) broccoli, cut into florets
 - 5 fresh baby corn cobs, halved lengthways
 - 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut on diagonal into 2-in. (5-cm) lengths
 - 1/2 cup (125 ml) water
- METHOD:**
1. Put beef in bowl with oyster and soy sauces, sugar, corn starch and garlic. Mix and allow to marinate 15 minutes.

2. Heat well-seasoned wok or large, non-stick frying pan over high heat. Add 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil, then add meat and stir-fry 3 minutes until cooked and browned. Remove and keep warm.
3. Clean wok out by wiping with paper towel. Heat over medium heat and add remaining oil. Add onion, carrot, pepper and broccoli and cook 1 minute, tossing frequently. Add corn, asparagus and water; return meat to wok and cook 1 minute, or until sauce has thickened. Vegetables should be slightly softened but still retain their crispness. Serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You may need to remind certain individuals today that although they are entitled to their opinions, the value depends on the facts.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



Mercury's entry into the status area of your chart today urges you to make an impression on employers and other authority figures.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



Others are more likely to respond to words of encouragement than to complaints that they are not trying hard enough.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



Some of the thoughts that invade your head will be so way out that you dare not tell others what you are thinking.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



It's important today that you keep control of your mind. Your imagination will wander all over the place if you let it.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



It may be tempting to tell others what they want to hear today but why should you perjure yourself just to make them feel good?

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



Now that mind planet Mercury is beginning its transit of your sign you will see things with a bit more clarity. You've wasted too much time on trivialities.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



Someone you have not been getting on with too well of late will put out feelers of reconciliation today.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



You will be a bit more subdued than usual today. Of course, as a Leo, your idea of subdued is probably loud and assertive by other people's standards.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



If you've been looking for ways to get others to take some of the workload off your shoulders you will find just the right words to persuade them today.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



You see no reason to be reticent about telling the world what turns you on — and off — and if it's a bit too candid for some, well, that's too bad.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



Mind planet Mercury joins the Sun in the most dynamic area of your chart today, so there can be no more excuses.

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1. Old Russian ruler tavern (1)
2. Actress Jessica's "high" shoes (1)
3. Solemn & serious comic Chappelle (1)
4. Tote wizard Potter in one's arms (2)
5. Sir Lancelot's mosquito attacks (1)
6. Clasp of a decorative strip of wood (2)
7. Zodiac bull's school singing groups (3)

ANSWERS: 1. RUMBLE 2. BEE'S KNEES 3. GRAVE DAVE 4. CARRY HARRY 5. RINGING BELLS 6. HOLDING MOLTING 7. TAILORUS & TAILORS

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